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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
KNOTTS et al.

Serial No. 09/896,367

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING
SPINDLE MOTOR MAGNETIC
DRAG

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Guillermo Perez

Attorney Docket No.: STL 10023

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.